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LEF MISSION

THE LEF IS COMMITTED TO ENRICHING THE TOTAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE WITH FUNDING TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AT LELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Above: Weaving the Farm to School Program into the art curriculum.

Robust • Vibrant • Healthy • Growing • Dynamic

Dear Friend,

These words spring to mind when we see the colorful still life drawings above that depict the local fruit from our Farm to School program.

Likewise, they can be applied to Leland Public School, which keeps our year-round community vibrant, healthy and growing. Committed teachers, staff and volunteers maintain a dynamic educational experience attracting young families and keeping them here to stay.

However, in 2011, reduced state funding of Leland Public School threatens the health of our outstanding educational platform. Funding has dropped to 2005 levels while cost pressure continues upward. As fruit can go only so long without water and nutrients, our schools can survive only so long without sufficient funding.

Fortunately, widespread community support has enabled the Leland Educational Foundation to fill the financial gap for Leland Public School for over 15 years. Additionally, recent matching grant opportunities and strategic partnerships have magnified the positive impact of LEF funds.

Downward pressure on the school budget necessitates greater support from LEF. In 2010/2011, LEF contributed nearly \$80,000 in grants. In 2011/2012 we expect similar demand. Unlike the Farm to School program, which is working toward sustainability, LEF outflows are not sustainable. We need your continued commitment.

How can you help? Support LPS with a year-end tax-deductible gift to the Leland Educational Foundation. Invest in the future health of your school and your village.

Warm wishes and gratitude,
Kerry Satterwhite, LEF Board President

The LEF helps "fill the gap" in Leland's world-class education. \$235,000 in per-pupil budget cut calls LEF to action.



* Per pupil cuts remain a strain... approx. \$235,000 school-wide. We now stand at our 2005 funding, at least \$500 less per pupil than the bare minimum desired.

Did You Know?

The LEF created a college scholarship in honor of Larry and Dee Glass and their family in April 2009? Since then, \$500 college scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors Thea Senger, '10 and Harley Earl, '11 for their commitment to community service.

"Youth In Government..."

... was the best program I've ever participated in. I was able to meet some of the most driven and talented students in Michigan, and it ignited a passion for political awareness that I will carry with me for the rest of my life." -KJM, LPS
Valedictorian 2011, 4 yrs YIG

In 2010-11, the LEF funded the following curriculum and enrichment programs:

- Classroom Supplies/Texts/Technology
- Elementary Reading Specialist
- Bilingual Coordinator
- Elementary Library & Tech Support
- High Tech Calculators, 7-12
- Drama Department
- Youth Advocacy
- Special Needs Assistance
- Enrichment Program Coordinators
- Farm to School
- Junior Achievement
- EXPOSURES, 7-12 Arts Program
- K-6 Field Trips
- Grade 5/6 Overnight Camp
- Honors Physics Trip
- Ski Club & Cross Country
- Youth in Government

TOTALING NEARLY \$80,000

Special thanks to our many volunteers and board members past and present who make all this possible!



LEF invests in Honors Physics class trip to Chicago 12 years running



26 Leland Honors Physics students LIVED PHYSICS on the annual 3-day physics trip to the Chicago area. The trip acts as an incentive for students to undertake a difficult course of study and the itinerary reinforces the curriculum by making it real to Leland students.

From Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry to the Adler Planetarium, Field Museum of Natural History and the Argonne National Laboratory, students experience a cultural immersion. It culminates with an Annual Physics Day at Great Flags America where thousands of students from across the country gather to participate. The hands-on experience leaves the students both exhausted and exhilarated!

In Physics teacher Jon Kiessel's own words, "While the trip gives students exposure to physics "out there," the biggest benefit has been the response from students "in here." More and more students are taking Honors Physics, the biggest testament to the academic value of the trip. The Leland Educational Foundation has invested wisely."

Longer attention spans, more creativity, higher self-confidence, higher test scores... all result from overnight camp experiences.

Thanks to LEF, all 73 fifth and sixth graders at Leland Public School were able to continue the long-standing Leland tradition



of attending Fall Camp. This opportunity, made possible by an additional \$4,000 funding awarded from LEF, affords EVERY child 3 days and 2 nights of team building and initiative collaboration at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake. During times of economic hardship in Michigan, it is essential to have a foundation that keeps these programs alive. Some of the students' favorites are exerting themselves on the High Ropes Course, Pamper Pole, Rock Climbing Tower, High Zip Line, Archery, Low Initiatives, and Predator/Prey.

INSIGHT & INSPIRATION SPEAKER SERIES

WATCH FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN 2012!

ILLUMINATE • ENTERTAIN • INSPIRE



LEF grant acts as catalyst for large USDA grant!

Leland Public School received a substantial grant from the USDA RBEG to pilot a farm-to-school feasibility project for the 2011/2012 academic year. That grant application was

successful in no small part due to additional \$6,000 matching funds from the *Leland Educational Foundation*.

Not only have the initial "Wellness Wednesdays" been a huge success, but we are pleased to announce the additional day of farm-to-school offerings on Tuesdays! Thanks to outstanding participation in our hot meal program, your children can now partake in even more healthy brain and body food!

Farm to School success is illuminated by the increased participation by students, staff and parents alike. After all, research shows that a poor diet influences a child's ability to learn and decreases motivation and attentiveness (www.farmtotablenm.org). Can you think of a reason not to participate? The LEF is saluted for their commitment and matching funds that helped make this all possible. Please direct any questions to Dorothy.Sirriner@gmail.com. Here's to healthy minds, healthy bodies and the result of smart brains!

Farm to School receives \$50,099.97. LEF's \$6,000 funds crucial for matching grants.



- USDA RBEG Grant, \$24,915.00
- LPS Matching Funds, \$12,879.80
- EDC Matching Funds, \$1,300.00
- MLUI Cash and in-kind Match, \$1,590.00
- LEF Matching Funds, \$6,000.12
- MSUE In-kind donation, \$3,415.05

Initiatives like Farm To School represent a win-win for local farmers and children's health.

Farm Bill In Mind, Stabenow Checks with Local Interests, article June 2011

The new LEF enrichment program

In 2011, LEF funding enabled veteran teachers Marguerite Kenney and Laurie Lisuk to create and oversee new enrichment programming at LPS, both during the school day and after school. Programs will include reading, writing and math clubs during the school day, as well as legos, Spanish, Japanese, Ping Pong and archery clubs after school. A partnership with Leelanau County 4-H through MSUE has garnered access to additional resources.

Marguerite's and Laurie's presence has also created opportunities for spontaneous mentoring of our teaching staff. Stay tuned as new clubs and programs are rolled out!

**ARTS & INSPIRATION
BENEFIT**



SAVE THE DATE: MAY 19, 2012

FOUNTAIN POINT RESORT • LAKE LEELANAU



NEW WAYS TO ENRICH YOUR SCHOOL!

- \$20
- \$50
- \$75 new!** will honor a teacher with a tribute in their name.

The teacher will receive:

- a tribute letter, acknowledging their excellence, with your optional comments.
- special recognition at the annual teacher appreciation luncheon.
- their name published on the LEF Website.

Teacher Name (optional): _____

Comments on their excellence:

 _____ (optional)

Your Name: _____
 (optional)

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500 new!** membership in the *SCHOLAR CIRCLE

* Introducing the Scholar Circle! This group of members is committed to sustaining the underlying mission of the LEF. Their \$500 annual donation, for 5 years, will greatly assist in maintaining excellence in LPS. The member will enjoy: *Annual Gathering of the Scholar Circle *Acknowledgement on the LEF website.

- \$1000
- \$_____

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